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Mr. John V. Czapor
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
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Re: Kin-Buc Landfill - Edison, New Jersey

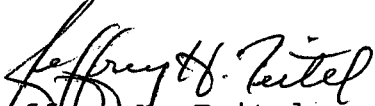
Dear Mr. Czapor:

The attached information is submitted in response to EPA's January 11, 1984 request for information concerning any GAF involvement with the Kin-Buc Landfill in Edison, New Jersey. GAF believes that it is not a potentially responsible party for hazardous wastes at this landfill based on its internal record investigation.

EPA's January 11, 1984 letter to GAF states that EPA has information which indicates that the company may be a responsible party under "CERCLA," 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. GAF requests EPA to share this information now to assist it in this response. GAF's records indicate only that the company did do business with some of the responsible parties.

Please contact me at (201) 628-4021 if GAF can respond to any additional questions.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

cc: Robert H. Beber
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GAF RESPONSE TO EPA INFORMATION REQUESTED

RE: KIN-BUC LANDFILL

GAF has thoroughly reviewed its files and can find no evidence that any of its wastes were ever taken to the Kin-Buc Landfill. Therefore, only question 1. is responded to with questions 2. through 7. being reviewed by GAF as not applicable. Nevertheless, GAF wishes to share pertinent information with EPA which may be helpful in resolving GAF's non-involvement with the Kin-Buc Landfill.

GAF, then General Aniline and Film, started doing business with Marvin Mahan in the early 1950's, buying large quantities of waste carbide lime (Chem Lime) to neutralize Linden's acetic effluents. This continued until Mr. Mahan sold that part of the business in 1965.

In March of 1966, trading as Scientific Chemical Treatment Co., Inc., 60 Prince Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Mr. Mahan was reported to have purchased the Edison Township Dump for the disposal of municipal trash and garbage, as well as industrial wastes. Also, about this time, Mr. Mahan purchased Solvent Recovery and Disposal in Carlstadt, New Jersey, a liquid waste disposal business specializing in waste liquid recovery and resale. The latter business was later managed by Lief Sigmond in 1971, and sold to Mr. Sigmond with Mr. Mahan holding the mortgage under the name of Inmar Associates, Inc. Mr. Sigmond changed the name to Scientific Chemical Processing, Inc.

The name of the Edison Dump was changed by Mr. Mahan to Kin-Buc. This operation grew to encompass 220 acres and by 1975, was the only New Jersey landfill where chemicals could be legally dumped. Federal restrictions and legal suits started early in 1976, and the site was closed in late 1976 or early 1977.

Although GAF received numerous proposals from Scientific, Inc. for the handling of its Linden, New Jersey plant wastes and the Kin-Buc site was inspected (in 1966) by GAF representatives with disposal in mind, there are no available records showing that any Linden wastes (or other GAF facility wastes) were ever sent there. An attached memo from F.A. Eschle (now deceased) of Production Planning at Linden, dated March 3, 1976, states that Scientific, Inc. (Kin-Buc) was not used for the disposal of wastes during the previous 5 years but that they were used "when GAF was a Glycol producer for disposal of Glycol bottoms." No record of such disposal has been found.

An article without factual basis in Chemical Week of May 2, 1979, lists GAF, among others, as a company whose wastes were disposed of at the Kin-Buc site. Another article in Barrons, dated January 28, 1980, makes a similar reference.

Mr. Mahan's activities involved him in a wide variety of affiliations and associations with other companies. Please see attached chart and two stories in order to get an overview of these activities.

CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The notarized signature of an officer or other responsible official of your company, or of you as the sole proprietor of a business, must appear in the space provided below and must be attached to your response to this information request. Be advised that your company is under a continuing obligation to supplement its response if information is not presently known or not available to you. In addition, should you or your corporation find, at any time after the submission of its response, that any portion of the submitted information is false or in any other way misrepresents the truth, you or your corporation are under an obligation to notify EPA thereof as soon as possible. If any part of a response is found to be untrue, the signatory and company or corporation may be subject to criminal prosecution.

This Request for Information is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Title 44 of the United States Code. You may, if you so desire, assert a business confidentiality claim covering the information submitted by placing on (or attaching to) the information, at the time it is submitted, a cover sheet, stamped or typed legend, or other suitable form of notice employing language such as "trade secret", or "proprietary," or "company confidential." Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent and by means of procedures set forth in Subpart B, Part 2, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (41 Fed. Reg. 36906, September 1, 1976, as modified at 48 Fed. Reg. 39997, September 9, 1978). If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you.

I certify that the foregoing answers and supporting documentation to the EPA Request for Information are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Charles F. Bien

Printed Name of Person Signing



Signature

Director Environmental Engineering

Title

June 14, 1984

Date